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SUBJECT: UPCOMING OAS AND NON-ALIGNED CONFERENCES

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1. DURING MY JUNE 30 CALL ON FONOFF SEC GEN GARCIA BEDOYA TO DELIVER NOTE ON GULF EXPROPRIATION (REFTEL), OUR CONVERSATION RANGED TO THE UPCOMING OAS MEETING IN SAN JOSE AND THE CUBA SANCTIONS QUESTION. I GAVE HIM AN EXCERPT OF ASSISTANT SECRETARY ROGERS' RECENT CONGRESSIONAL TESTIMONY IN THIS REGARD (STATE 151803). HE READ STATEMENT AND SAID IT, ALONG WITH RECENT STATEMENTS BY SECRETARY KISSINGER, HELPED TO CLARIFY U.S. POSITION WHICH HE FELT HAD BEEN SOMEWHAT CLOUDED BY MANNER IN WHICH PRESS HAS REPORTED RECENT SALINGER INTERVIEW WITH PRESIDENT FORD.

2. SEC GEN ASKED ME WHETHER WE CONTEMPLATED VOTE RE CUBAN QUESTION TO ACCOMPANY PROCEDURAL CHANGE TO MAJORITY RULE AT SAN JOSE MEETING. I SAID MY IMPRESSION WAS THAT WE DID NOT - THAT WE VIEWED PROCESS AS A TWO-STEP ONE WITH CUBAN QUESTION BEING DEALT WITH SPECIFICALLY AT LATER TIME. HOWEVER, I SAID I WOULD CHECK THIS OUT.

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3. ACTION REQUESTED: WE NEED GUIDANCE ON THIS SPECIFIC

QUESTION TO PASS ALONG TO GARCIA BEDOYA WHO INDICATED IT WOULD HAVE BEARING ON FONOFF INSTRUCTIONS TO ITS DELEGATION GOING TO SAN JOSE. HE ALSO EXPRESSED HOPE THAT ASSISTANT SECRETARY ROGERS WOULD BE PRESENT AT SAN JOSE AT LEAST FOR PART OF SESSION.

4. SECGEN ALSO MENTIONED NON-ALIGNED CONFERENCE SCHEDULED TO BE HELD IN LIMA IN AUGUST. HE SAID PERU'S POSITION IN NON-ALIGNED WORLD BROUGHT CERTAIN BENEFITS WITH IT BUT ALSO SOME SERIOUS PROBLEMS AND HEADACHES. FOR ONE THEY EXPECTED SOME PUERTO RICAN OBSERVERS WHO LIKE OTHER "OBSERVERS" WHO CUSTOMARILY ATTEND NON-ALIGNED MEETINGS WILL BE BEATING THEIR PARTICULAR DRUM (IN THIS CASE I PRESUME HE MEANT AN ANTI-U.S. ONE). HE ASKED WHETHER WE KNOW WHO THE PUERTO RICAN OBSERVERS WILL BE AND ANYTHING ABOUT THEM AND THEIR PROBABLY TACTICS WHILE HERE.

5. ACTION REQUESTED: WE WOULD APPRECIATE ANSWER TO SECGEN'S QUESTION, EVEN NEGATIVE ONE IF WE DO NOT KNOW WHO PUERTO RICAN OBSERVERS WILL BE OR WHAT CAN BE EXPECTED OF THEM. SECGEN IS EVIDENTALLY WORRIED ABOUT POSSIBLE IMPACT ON THEIR ACTIONS ON PERUVIAN-U.S. RELATIONS.

6. COMMENT: IT SEEMS TO ME FROM THIS CONVERSATION (SEE REFTEL ALSO) AND OTHERS HELD RECENTLY WITH GOP OFFICIALS THAT FONOFF AND POSSIBLY OTHER ELEMENTS OF GOP ARE BECOMING MORE CONCERNED ABOUT PERU'S IMAGE IN U.S. AND IMPACT ON RELATIONS WITH U.S. OF ATTITUDES AND STATEMENTS MADE HERE AND BY THEIR REPRESENTATIVES AT INTERNATIONAL MEETINGS ABROAD. (EVEN FONMIN DE LA FLOR HAS BEEN UNCHARACTERISTICALLY RESTRAINED IN HIS PRESS STATEMENTS OF LATE). CONVERSATION WITH SECGEN ALSO TOUCHED ON PERU'S DISAPPOINTING PETROLEUM PROSPECTS AND CURRENT SERIOUS ECONOMIC AND POLITICAL PROBLEMS (WHICH MAY ALSO BE CONTRIBUTING TO SIGNS OF RESTRAINT NOTED ABOVE).
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